

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, and 10 were previously canceled.

Claim 12 is canceled herein.

Claims 4 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 20-31 have been added.

The amendment of Claims 4 and 11 is supported by original Claims 1, 4, 11, and 12, as well as the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 3, line 23 to page 5, line 10 and page 6, line 6 to page 11, line 8. New Claims 20-31 are supported by original Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, and 11-19, as well as the specification as originally filed, for example, at page 3, line 23 to page 5, line 10 and page 6, line 6 to page 11, line 8.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

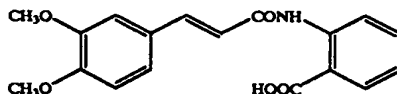
REMARKS

Claims 4, 7, 8, 11, and 13-31 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Kwon for the helpful and courteous discussion with their undersigned Representative on April 18, 2007. During the discussion, various amendments and arguments were discussed to obviate and/or address the outstanding rejections. The content of this discussion is believed to be reflected in the amendments and remarks set forth herein. Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

The rejections of: (a) Claims 4, 7, and 11-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Iwaki et al (WO 200113911); and (b) Claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Iwaki et al (WO 200113911) in view of Iwaki et al (US 6,180,673) and Isaji et al (US 6,407,139); are obviated by amendment.

This ground of rejection is based on the disclosure by Iwaki et al (WO 200113911) and Iwaki et al (US 6,180,673) of a compound having the structure of:



To address these grounds of rejection, Applicants have:

- a) amended Claim 4 to define the amide bond residue based on page 10, lines 2-11 to be a residue derived from a water soluble amino acid; and
- b) presented new Claim 20 to remove alkyl from the list of alternatives for R1 and R2.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that none of Iwaki et al (WO 200113911), Iwaki et al (US 6,180,673), and Isaji et al (US 6,407,139) disclose or suggest a compound within the scope of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

The objection to Claim 4 is obviated by appropriate amendment. Withdrawal of this ground of objection is requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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